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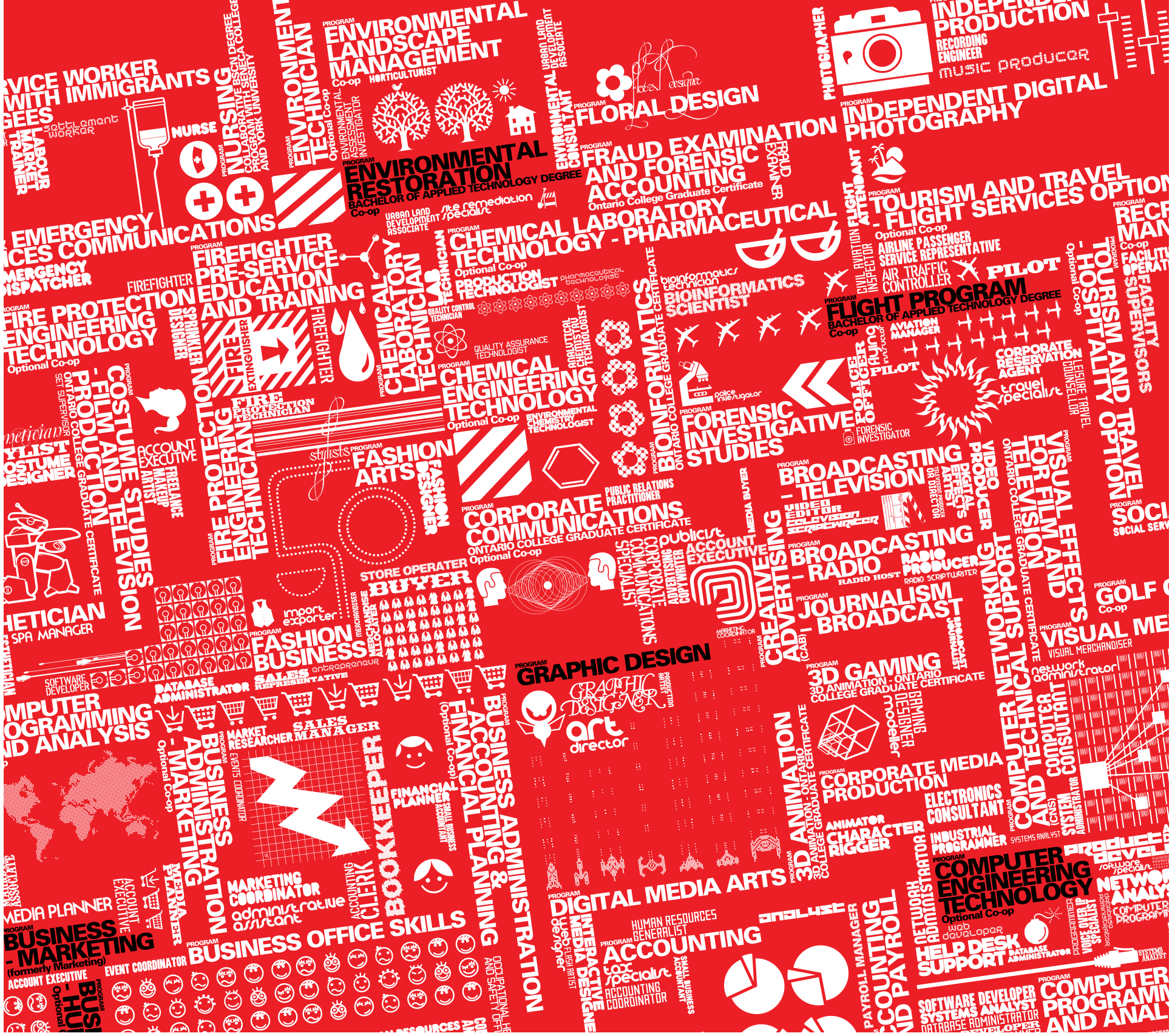

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Watchdog eyes charity rules

Proposal lists practices that may cost agencies their charitable status

Charities should keep fundraising costs to 35 cents on the donor dollar and avoid paying commissions to telemarketers or doorknockers, say proposed federal rules.

It's a first for Canada's charity watchdog. Until now, it has failed to deliver clear-cut rules on fundraising for the country's 82,000 charities. Now it has, complete with a list of dodgy tactics that can turn donors off a charity.

Among them, commission schemes that lead to high-pressure tactics (fundraisers only get paid if you donate) and repeated pitches that misrepresent what the charity is doing and how donors' money is being spent.

directorate seeks comments

» The Charities Directorate is part of the Canada Revenue Agency. The "proposed policy" will likely be finalized by year's end. The charity sector has been asked to send its comments by June.

In a written statement to the charity community, the federal Charities Directorate says the new guidelines explain what types of fundraising "may result in revocation" of the charity's status. Penalties charities face under the new regime include hefty fines, suspension for one year (a chance for the charity to clean up its act) and outright shut down of its charitable status.

"The (charity) regulator should be applauded for coming out with this," said Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, president of Imagine Canada, a group that speaks for charities.

But Steinsky-Schwartz cautions that some charities may have valid reasons for spending more than 35 cents of each dollar on fundraising and she hopes the regulator will take a flexible approach.

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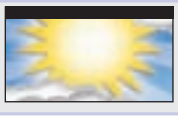

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Funds for heart, freshly squeezed

Fundraising phenom Amanda Belzowski high-fives Toronto Argonauts CEO Mike "Pinball" Clemons yesterday. The 10-year-old city girl has been running a lemonade stand with the help of her family since she was in diapers in a bid to raise $100,000 for heart and stroke research. Story, page 3.

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Sweet and sour fundraiser

10-year-old's lemonade stand raises $79,630

Amanda's website
» Amanda is also accepting pledges for the Becel Heart and Stroke Ride for Heart until June 1 through her website, *www.amandaslemonade4heart.org*.

With donations of $79,630 to date, a 10-year-old Toronto girl — known for her little lemonade stand — closes in on her bid to raise $100,000 for heart and stroke research.

Amanda Belzowski, a fundraising phenom who has been running the stand with the help of her family since she was in diapers, raised $11,030 yesterday.

Some 400 people visited her stand on Brian Cliff Drive, in the Leslie Street and Lawrence Avenue East area, including Toronto Argonauts CEO Michael "Pinball" Clemons, who was on hand to sign autographs and help out.

Since opening in 1999, Amanda's Lemonade Stand has grown bigger and bigger. This year more options were included in the menu ranging from cookies, cake, corn on the cob, coffee and pizza.

The stand is a way for Amanda to fulfil a lifelong pledge to help raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

"When I was little I basically chose this foundation because everyone knows someone who is affected by this," said Amanda while eating ice cream during a break from manning her stand. "It's for my great-grandfather and I'm doing it for him."

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court

Livent trial slated to begin today

ACCUSED Six years after their arrest, Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb, co-founders of once-mighty theatre producer Livent Inc., are set today to begin their long-awaited fraud trial.

Drabinsky, a larger-than-life, award-winning impresario and film producer, and his longtime business partner are accused of falsifying financial statements and bilking creditors and investors out of millions of dollars. They face two charges of fraud over $5,000, and one of uttering forged documents, down from the 19 charges they originally faced in 2002. They are accused of defrauding the public by making false representations about the company's finances. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Event **Paddle The Don**

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canoeists paddle the Don River yesterday during the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's 15th annual Paddle The Don event. Approximately 250 canoes took part in the event, which raises awareness of the river's problems and how it's changing.

»news In Brief

» **CRIME** A 20-year-old man was found shot to death yesterday in a stairwell in the city's east end. Officers were called to 25 Cougar Crt., in the Markham Road and Eglinton Avenue area at about 2:20 p.m. and found the body of the victim with no vital signs. Police continue to investigate. This is Toronto's 17th homicide of the year.

» **FIRE** Toys, clothing and food donated by thousands of people were damaged yesterday in a Salvation Army warehouse fire. The fire broke out about 11 a.m. at 150 Railside Rd., near Victoria Park Avenue and Lawrence Avenue East. As well as goods needed day-to-day, the warehouse stores toys for the Toy Mountain drive, which provides Christmas gifts for 85,000 kids.

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Police honour fallen comrades

Hundreds of police officers from all over Ontario joined bereaved families and friends yesterday at a Queen's Park gathering to honour colleagues killed in the line of duty.

Those at the memorial event, now in its ninth year, saw three names added to the Wall of Honour.

Posthumous tribute was paid to rookie traffic officer Leigh Metcalfe, who died in 1927 in a head-on collision near Beamsville while patrolling on his motorcycle.

Toronto Const. Edward McMaster was also killed on his motorcycle, struck when a delivery truck ran an intersection in 1935.

The third honouree held direct memories for many present. York Region Det.-Const. Robert Plunkett, a 22-year veteran, was killed on undercover duty in August 2007.

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names
» The wall contains 234 officers from 56 police services across Ontario. Their names were read aloud at the beginning of the ceremony. More than half lost their lives in road accidents. A third — 74 officers — died from gunshots.

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Rally in Big Smoke

Thousands join pot cause march

Queen's Park may have been soggy from Saturday's rain, but sparks were flying as thousands spent the day smoking pot just north of the legislature.

It was part of the Toronto Freedom Festival and the 10th Global Marijuana March, with the intent of pushing to legalize marijuana.

youthful crowd

» Organizers estimated the crowd at between 15,000 and 20,000, mainly teens and people in their 20s.

"Hey, this is what Woodstock must have been like," said one youth as he walked by smoking a joint the size of a small cigar. "But I bet you the music won't be as good."

Bongs and pipes of all sizes and large bags of marijuana were carried around openly as police presence was limited and kept to the periphery.

A small parade travelled peacefully along Bloor Street and east to Yonge Street, south to Wellesley Street then headed back to Queen's Park. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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John Dury gets some help from friends to get a marijuana joint going at the Toronto Freedom Festival Saturday.

dirt bike track

Man's dream stays alive despite death

LAND Tim DaSilva never got the chance to see his dream finished.

The 20-year-old Milton man was crushed to death in 2006 when a roller he was in overturned as he built a dirt bike track in Halton Hills.

Now, family and friends who helped finish the track are fighting the Niagara Escarpment Commission, which wants the track levelled and returned to agricultural land.

"This is the last piece of Tim that we have," his sister Jessica Medeiros, 25, said yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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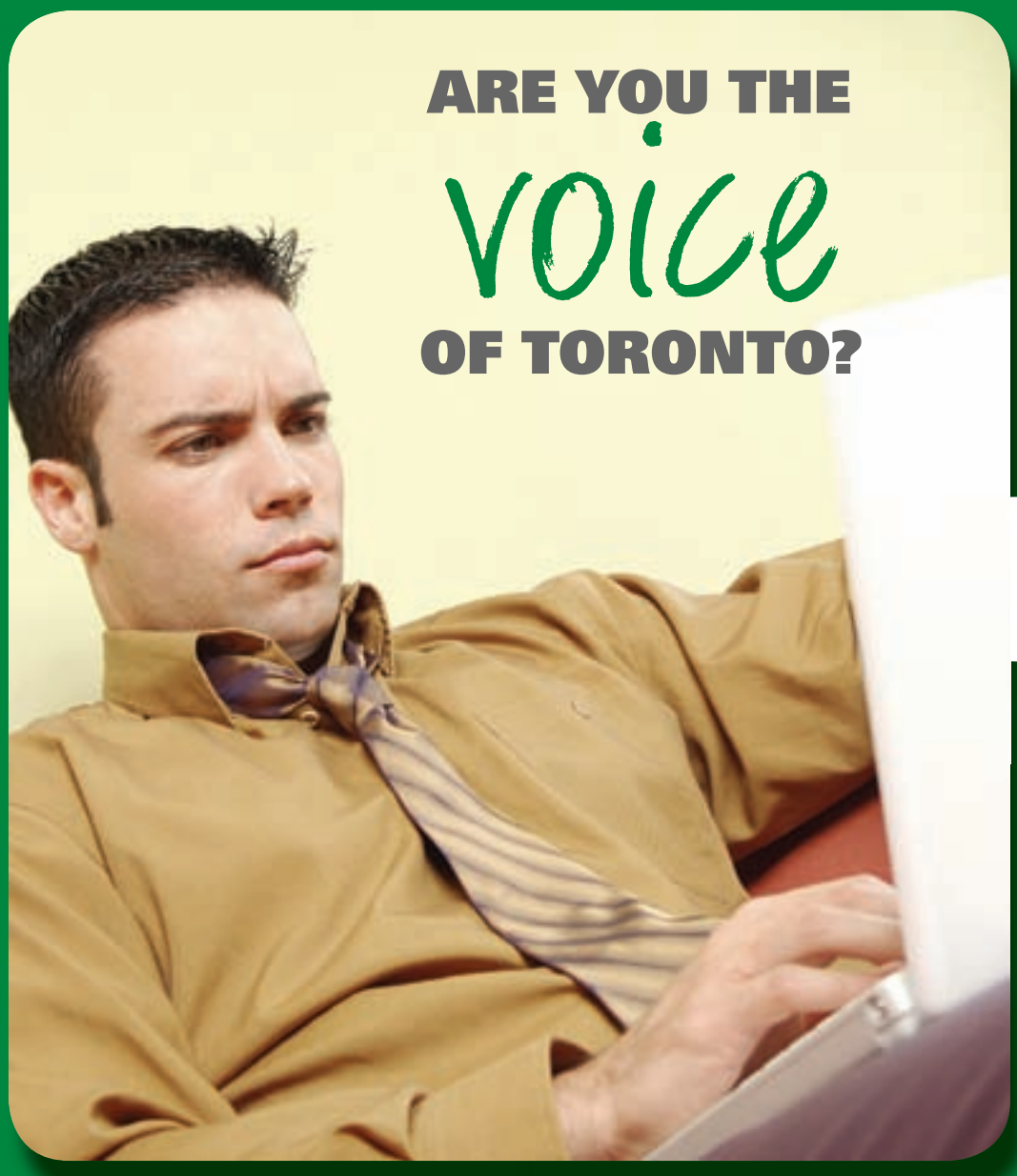

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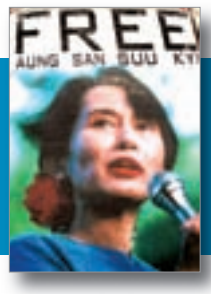

Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest in authoritarian Burma since 2003, becomes an honorary Canadian citizen today. Her cousin, Sein Win, will be present at the ceremony in Ottawa this afternoon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doubts cast on memoir

Many details in ex-soldier's tell-all can't be verified

It's a tell-all book about an elite military unit the Department of National Defence didn't want published for reasons of national security, and now pointed questions are being raised over whether some of the incidents it chronicles actually happened.

The 261-page book, entitled Nous étions invincibles (We Were Invincible), is billed as the first-ever insider's account by a former member of the Joint Task Force 2, a covert anti-terrorism unit stationed near Ottawa.

Some of the exploits co-author Denis Morisset recounts, like claims that six of his fellow unit members have committed suicide, the tale of a botched mission in Afghanistan, or the account of a commando raid to "eliminate" hostage takers during an Ottawa bank heist in 1994, can't be independently verified.

In another passage in the book, Morisset claims he was part of a four-man security detail assigned to protect Lt.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire in Rwanda.

Dallaire, now a senator, said through a spokesperson he never had a bodyguard named Morisset.

Morisset's co-author, Claude Coulombe, defended the book, saying the very nature of the secret missions Morisset undertook makes them difficult to substantiate.

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co-author arrested

» The unauthorized memoir, penned in French, went on sale in Quebec Wednesday — a day after, its co-author, Denis Morisset, was arrested on charges he contacted two minors for the purposes of committing a sexual offence.

Halifax **Cross-country torch run kicks off**

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

Children participate in the international Global Human Rights Torch Relay, which began its trek across Canada in Halifax yesterday. The tour, which will pass through nine other Canadian cities, aims to raise awareness of alleged human rights violations in China.

Liberals clear air on pesticide law

Cities and towns will be forbidden from enacting tougher bylaws than the province's new ban on cosmetic pesticides for gardening, the Liberal government now admits.

In the wake of Premier Dalton McGuinty's Earth Day assertion to the contrary, Environment Minister John Gerretsen has acknowledged that the Liberals screwed up.

ban details

» The new law, which does not apply to farms, managed forests or golf courses, should ban the sale or use of more than 300 different toxic pesticides.

On April 22, McGuinty boasted "nobody will be able to have standards lower than ours." But after the fine print in the legislation was studied, it turns out McGuinty had misspoken.

"I don't think there was any attempt to mislead at all," Gerretsen told reporters last week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

armoured cars

Military seeks mine sweepers

AFGHANISTAN National Defence is looking to buy more specialized armoured vehicles to detect roadside bombs, the biggest scourge facing troops in Afghanistan.

The army wants to purchase as many as 30 vehicles for both overseas and training duty, say senior Defence sources in Ottawa.

The Expedient Route Opening Capability system involves three vehicles working in tandem to sweep roadways before the arrival of combat or supply convoys.

The Canadian army already has five sets — or 15 trucks in total.

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» **HEALTH** Families in a northern Manitoba native community will have the costs of special medical needs for their children covered, says Health Minister Tony Clement. The Norway House Cree Nation said they may be forced to give up their children because they can no longer pay for their care.

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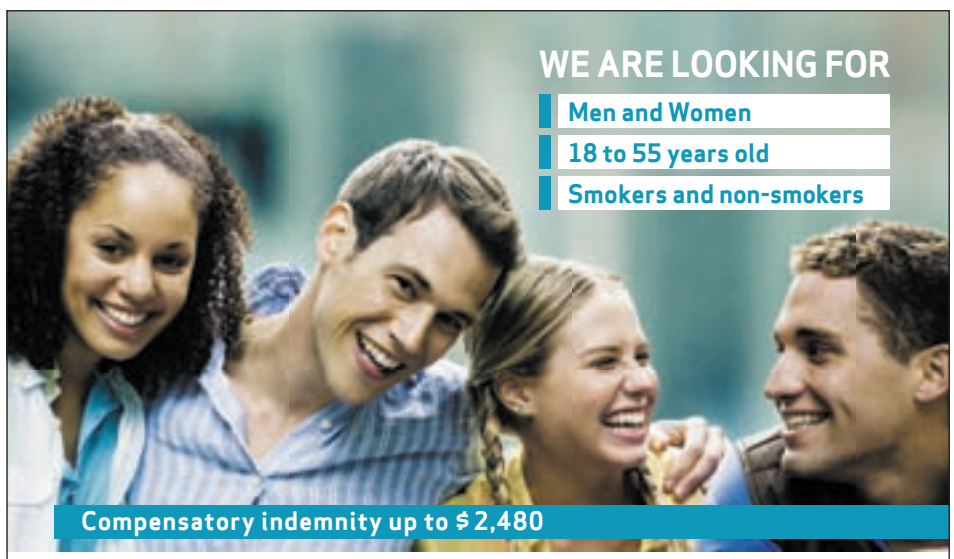

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The folks at the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in Ottawa are keeping real busy these days.

In addition to other recent announcements, they have just introduced their third major piece of legislation designed to amend our immigration regulations.

A recap is in order.

Firstly, the feds have Bill C-17 pending. This bill aims to deny work permits to foreign strippers headed for Canada with a view of protecting them from our licensed, but "exploitive," strip clubs.

Then there is Bill C-50, which is also on a bumpy road to passage. Changes to our immigration regulations were tucked into this budget bill and seek to turn our minister of immigration, and her successors, into super ministers who can proclaim new immigration rules without parliamentary, cabinet, or public input or oversight.

Now, we have a third proposed regulatory amendment that introduces two main initiatives.

First, we'll start with the good news.

CIC proposes to simplify the landing process for applicants in the skilled worker class and the business classes. These applicants will still be required to send their applications to visa posts outside Canada for processing. However, those who find themselves in Canada in lawful temporary status (i.e. as workers or visitors) at the time that their immigrant visas are issued overseas will be able to get landed here without leaving the country. Presently, they would have to drive or fly to the nearest Canadian port of entry to seek landing. This welcome change will, undoubtedly, avoid a lot of unnecessary schlepping.

Now, the not-so-good news.

It is proposed that all applicants in the skilled worker class, and in the business class (i.e. investors, entrepreneurs, and the self-employed) undergo a formal third-party language test in English or French regardless of their nationality, mother tongue, or language of instruction.

At present, applicants in these categories can elect to undergo such a test or submit other evidence of their abilities in one of our official languages.

However, the department feels that assessing such alternative evidence is slowing down its officers. The department considered issuing a narrow exemption for "native English or French speakers" but couldn't find a "clear and fully defensible definition" of one. Instead, it proposes to require everyone to do the test.

> *«At present, applicants in these categories can elect to undergo such a test or submit other evidence of their abilities in one of our official languages. However, the department feels that assessing such alternative evidence is slowing down its officers. … It proposes to require everyone to do the test.»*

While this is being touted as "fair," I can't wait to see the looks on the face of some American or British-born engineer or businessman, or perhaps a French poet, when I tell them they need to undergo language testing and they may have to fly or drive for hours to get to the nearest test site.

This doesn't make us look "fair." It makes us appear as if we lack basic common sense.

Given my own Canadian education and work experience I'd be miffed if I were to be asked to do an English test if I were immigrating to the U.S. or U.K.

Other countries have defined fair exemptions to language testing.

So should we.

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Like Martin, U.S. woman found guilty

As the saga of a Canadian woman jailed in Mexico draws to a close, another woman dealing with a similar nightmare waits her turn away from the spotlight.

American Rebecca Roth, 50, was found guilty two weeks ago of involvement in the same multi-million-dollar online investment scheme that landed Canadian Brenda Martin, 51, in prison near Guadalajara more than two years ago.

appeal
» Roth's family friend and lawyer, Andy Millar, said Roth has decided to appeal the verdict.

"In only telling Brenda's story they are only telling half the story," said Roger Harrison, who worked with both women briefly in Puerto Vallarta as an employee of convicted fraudster Alyn Richard Waage.

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Halifax **Remembering**

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Kristina Tost remembers her father David Tost, an engineer with the Canadian Coast Guard, yesterday. The ashes of 26 veterans and spouses were committed to the sea following a ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic aboard the HMCS Sackville in Halifax.

Washroom costs $40K

Tax boss builds costly bathroom

salary

» Baker, a former commissioner of the Canada Firearms Centre, was named head of the tax agency in April 2007. The job pays between $165,800 and $195,100.

Your tax dollars at work: Canadians who just figured out how much of their hard-earned cash to send to Ottawa may be surprised to learn that more than $40,000 was spent on a new washroom in the office suite of the top taxman.

William Baker, commissioner of the federal revenue-collecting department, laid out between $40,000 and $45,000 on the project last year, according to documents obtained under access-to-information legislation.

It's but one example of hefty spending by the people who oversee the collection of Canadians' taxes.

Besides regular expenses for salaries and costs, the Canada Revenue Agency goes through more than $500,000 a year on fees and travel expenses for a group of private-sector individuals from across the country who act as the department's board of management.

An internal government memo on April 10, 2007, indicates there was some question about the expense for his washroom. But an official indicates in the memo that, after further consideration and in the absence of "clear standards" for the offices of senior officials, the washroom might be considered a "special facility."

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Union fines under fire

The power of a union to enforce solidarity in its ranks is set to come under the judicial microscope when it goes before Ontario's highest court this month in a key test of whether the courts can be used to collect fines against members who cross legal picket lines.

The case involves two unionized tax department employees who agreed to work during a strike and were fined. The Ontario Superior Court has ruled the fines were punitive, unreasonable and designed to threaten members to honour picket lines.

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Oilsands company apologizes

Death of 500 ducks prompts full-page ads

The company behind a giant oilsands plant in northern Alberta has taken out full-page ads in several Canadian newspapers to apologize for the deaths of an estimated 500 ducks that landed on a toxic wastewater pond near Fort McMurray, Alta., last week.

But groups like Greenpeace say such apologies are "hollow" unless there's a firm commitment by the company, and others, to change their procedures to protect birds and other wildlife.

Syncrude Canada Ltd., the largest oilsands operation in the world, said in the advertisements that appeared Saturday that it's committed to making the necessary changes to its long-established practices to ensure a "sad event" like this one never happens again.

The oilsands operator said it will learn from what happened, will improve its practices and will meet the public's expectations for "responsible development."

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military

Russian planes visit the Arctic

AIRSPACE Records obtained by The Canadian Press show that Russian bombers are again regular visitors along Canadian and U.S. Arctic airspace. One military analyst says it's all part of the Russian effort to re-establish itself on the world stage, especially in the Arctic.

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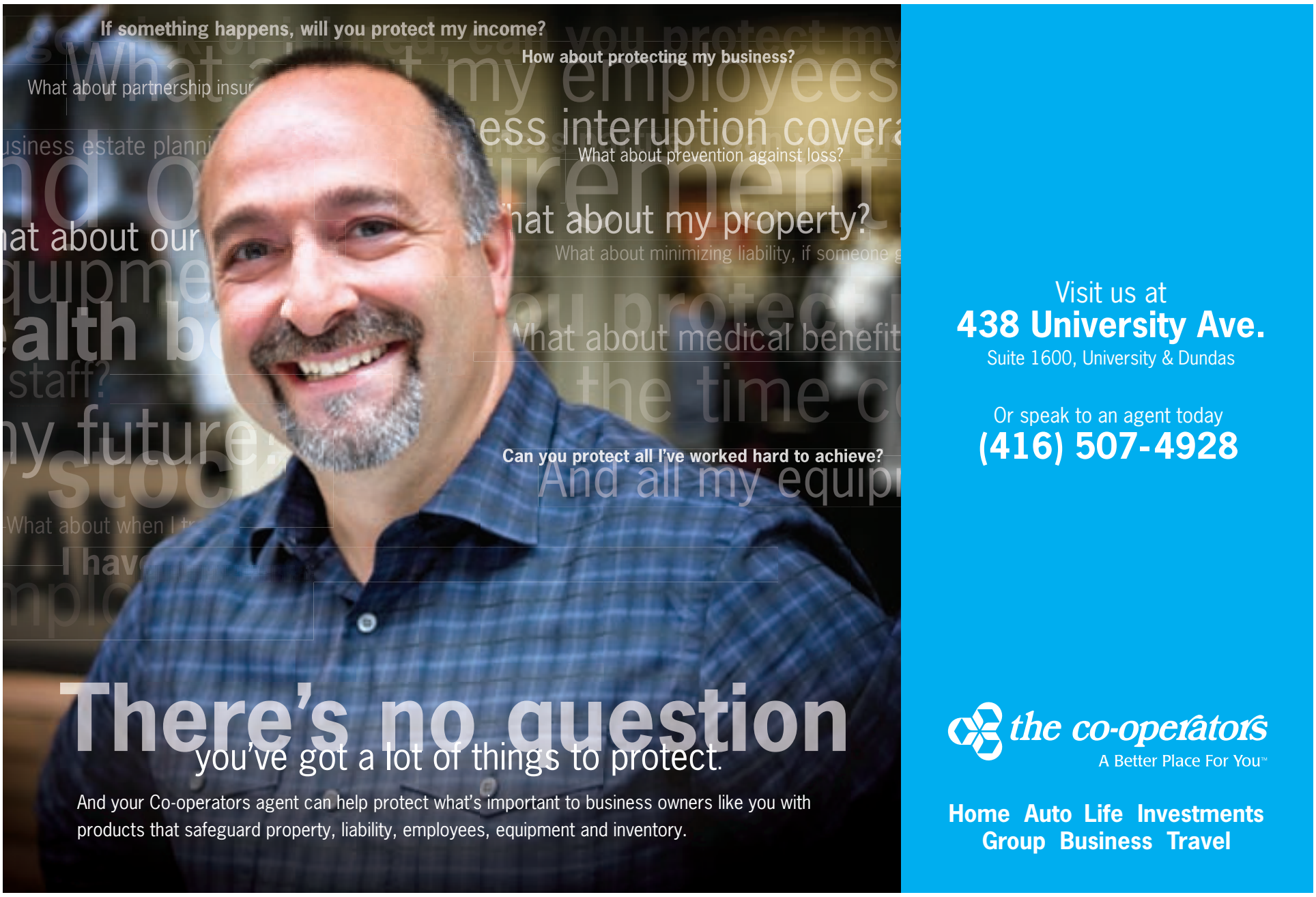
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A new Illinois law that bans smoking in public places took some of the steam out of this past weekend's Chicagoland International Pipe & Tobacciana Show, which draws 4,000 pipe collectors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cyclone kills at least 350

Thousands of homes destroyed in Myanmar

A powerful cyclone killed more than 350 people and destroyed thousands of homes in the Southeast Asian country of Myanmar, state-run media said yesterday.

Some dissident groups are worried the military junta running the country formerly known as Burma may be reluctant to ask for international help.

Cyclone Nargis hit at a delicate time for the junta — less than a week ahead of a crucial referendum on a new constitution. Should the junta be seen as failing disaster victims, voters who already blame the regime for ruining the economy and squashing democracy could take out their frustrations at the ballot box.

Yangon residents said yesterday the price of gasoline had jumped from $2.50 to $10 a gallon on the black market and everything from eggs to construction supplies had tripled. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

winds

» The storm's 200 kilometre-per-hour winds blew the roofs off hospitals and cut electricity to the country's largest city, Yangon.

Belgrade **I do, I do, I do, I do ...**

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A procession of brides and grooms — part of 400 couples — arrives at a mass wedding ceremony yesterday in Belgrade, Serbia. This was the 10th time a group wedding ceremony was organized in the Serbian capital since the first during the 1999 NATO air strikes. The event was first scheduled to cheer up residents overwhelmed by apathy.

»news In Brief

» **IRAQ** A bomb hit a motorcade carrying the wife of Iraq's president through Baghdad yesterday, while the U.S. military said a roadside explosion killed four Marines in the deadliest attack in western Anbar province in months. The motorcade bombing in Baghdad's Karrada district injured four of Hiro Ibrahim Ahmed's bodyguards but left her unharmed, according to the office of her husband, President Jalal Talabani.

» **BABY** A 17-year-old girl gave birth secretly at home in Long Beach, Calif., then walked four blocks to a hospital with the baby still attached by its umbilical cord. Xochitl Parra didn't call 911 because the home phone was disconnected, and she did not want to wake neighbours because it was so early.

» **CRIME** Southampton, N.Y., Town police arrested two new parents who left their baby alone in a car while they went to watch the Kentucky Derby at a New York off-track betting parlour.

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Huge wave kills eight in S. Korea

At least eight people have been killed and about 15 others are missing after being swept away by a sudden large wave that crashed onto a bulwark in South Korea yesterday.

tidal rise?

» It's believed the wave was caused by regular tidal rises in the Yellow Sea but its exact cause is not known.

South Korea's Coast Guard says the wave — believed to have been as high as 5 metres — crashed over the bulwark near a western coastal beach about 190 kilometres south of Seoul. Coast guard officials say most of the victims were tourists or people fishing there.

They say at 12 others were injured. Two of the dead are children aged nine and five.

The Coast Guard has deployed seven boats and one helicopter to search for the 15 missing people.

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Residents of Amstetten, Austria write down their comments and thoughts on a roll of paper in support of a family who became victims of a crime of incest and abuse.

Fritzl's sister-in-law talks

Wife was clueless about daughter's captivity, abuse

The wife of an Austrian man accused of holding their daughter captive for 24 years fought to keep the family together but never knew their child was in a soundproofed cellar beneath the apartment, the wife's sister said.

Christine R., who identified herself as Josef Fritzl's sister-in-law, provided intimate details of the oppression inside the Fritzl home, describing him as a "tyrant."

The woman painted the most complete picture to date of her sister Rosemarie and her belief that daughter Elisabeth ran away from home as a 17-year-old to join a cult.

She described Fritzl as a "tyrant" who instilled a culture of fear at home, which helped him create an elaborate cover story that no-one questioned of Elisabeth.

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Clinton just like Bush, Obama blasts rival

Hillary threatened to 'obliterate' Iran

Barack Obama scolded Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday for saying the United States would "totally obliterate" Iran if it attacks Israel — likening her to President George W. Bush.

The foreign policy dustup came as the two candidates appeared separately on duelling Sunday news shows and as the drawn-out fight for the Democratic nomination grew ever more fierce ahead of tomorrow's pivotal primaries in Indiana and North Carolina.

Iran's response

» On Wednesday, Iran strongly condemned Clinton for her remarks. Iran's deputy UN ambassador, Mehdi Danesh-Yazdi, called her comment "provocative, unwarranted and irresponsible."

Seeking the advantage, Obama seized on Clinton's recent answer when asked what she would do if she wins the White House and Iran attacked Israel with nuclear weapons.

"I want the Iranians to know that if I'm the president, we will attack Iran," Clinton said April 22 in an interview with ABC. "In the next 10 years, during which they might foolishly consider launching an attack on Israel, we would be able to totally obliterate them."

On "Meet the Press" yesterday, Obama said: "It's not the language we need right now, and I think it's language reflective of George Bush. We have had a foreign policy of bluster and sabre-rattling and tough talk."

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»news In Brief

» **SHIP** Latvia's coast guard failed to free a grounded cruise ship carrying nearly 1,000 people, and suspended the rescue operation until today, officials said. The Mona Lisa had embarked from Kiel, Germany, with 984 people on board and was destined for Riga when it ran aground yesterday on a sand bank about 17 kilometres from the Latvian coast

» **PLOT** The Afghan Defence minister says two government employees have been arrested, accused of being involved in a plot to kill President Hamid Karzai.

» **FREE RIDES** The ruling Hamas party has started using police cars to ferry Palestinians around the Gaza Strip because of severe fuel shortages. The militant group is widely believed to have hoarded gas supplies for its own use.

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business

Former Bank of Canada governor David Dodge, left, was named the next chancellor of Queen's University on Friday. He will succeed former TD Bank chairman Charles Baillie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Robot **Critter research tool**

NANCY PALMIERI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hampshire College researchers control a mechanical robo-squirrel, dubbed Rocky after the cartoon character, in Amherst, Mass., as they study animal behaviour. Rocky is among many robotic critters that let researchers observe animals in their natural environments rather than in labs.

Toyota buying back trucks

Extends pickups' frame warranty

Toyota says inadequate corrosion-resistant protection on the frame of its 1995-to-2000 Toyota Tacomas has prompted it to extend the frame warranty for 15 years on the vehicles, according to Bridgewater, N.S., radio station CKBW.

And in some cases, it is offering to buy back the vehicle at 1½ times the Canadian Black Book retail value. Automotive consultant Dennis DesRosiers says 13,000 of the affected models might still be on roads in Canada.

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»news In Brief

» **CHAPTER 11** Linens 'n Things, the bedding- and home-furnishing retailer, on Friday filed for Chapter 11 in bankruptcy court in Delaware and said it would close 120 underperforming stores, almost a quarter of them in California.

» **ELECTRIC CAR** After several years of development, the $109,000 US lithium-ion battery-powered two-seat Tesla Roadster moves to the market this week when Tesla's first store opens in California.

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Slow way to save fuel

Airlines reduce air speed to save millions on gas

Air Canada has created a series of steps to save on fuel, including reducing cruising speed when flights are ahead of schedule and when an aircraft has prevailing winds.

WestJet Airlines has also been creative, using computer technology to calculate optimum speeds so slowing down doesn't extend the work shift and add to staffing costs.

flip side

» Slowing down can lead to greater labour and maintenance costs if airline employees work longer hours and planes spend more time in service.

» And slowing down below a certain speed can actually increase fuel usage.

WestJet also uses an onboard GPS system to allow planes to come in for more direct landings via satellite, cutting travel time and fuel expenses. Other airlines are following Canadian airlines.

Southwest Airlines, which started flying slower two months ago, projects saving $42 million US in fuel this year by extending each flight by one to three minutes.

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BlackBerry

RIM rolling out new software

TIE-UP BlackBerry maker Research In Motion and software giant SAP say a new, mobile version of SAP business software will allow sales reports, purchase orders, contact information, and customer records to be readily available on a GPS-enabled BlackBerry, just like e-mail.

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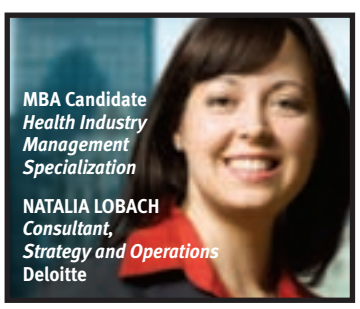

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Karl Goehring made 44 saves to lead the visiting Syracuse Crunch past the Toronto Marlies 3-1 yesterday, giving Syracuse a 2-0 series lead in the AHL North Division final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pens knock out Rangers

Hossa's OT goal lifts Pittsburgh into East final

PENGUINS 3 RANGERS 2 (OT)

So much for the talk a team as young as the Pittsburgh Penguins couldn't advance this far in the playoffs. So much for the speculation Marian Hossa couldn't score big post-season goals.

So much for the New York Rangers, too, whose decided edge in experience meant nothing in a five-game series in which the Penguins' superior talent repeatedly made the difference.

Hossa scored his second goal of the game 7:10 into overtime and the Penguins rallied after giving up a two-goal lead to beat the Rangers 3-2 yesterday and advance to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time in seven years.

Sidney Crosby began a rush with a pass to Pascal Dupuis, who attempted to give it back to Crosby. The puck trickled away but ended up on Hossa's stick, and he beat Henrik Lundqvist for his fifth of the playoffs to end New York's season. The Pens won the second-round series 4-1.

"Sid was driving hard to the net and it kind of bounced off him and the puck just came up to me, and I just tried to shoot at the net — and it was a lucky one," Hossa said.

The Penguins will meet the cross-state Philadelphia Flyers in an all-Pennsylvania conference final. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Penguins forward Jordan Staal embraces his brother, Rangers defenceman Marc Staal, after Pittsburgh won Game 5 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series yesterday to eliminate New York from the playoffs.

Heatley sets record in Canadian romp

Senators star now all-time top scorer

CANADA 7 LATVIA 0

It was a long day at the office for Team Latvia yesterday as Canada's top line put on another fantastic show during a 7-0 victory at the world hockey championships in Halifax.

Dany Heatley had a goal and three assists to move past Steve Yzerman as Canada's top career point-getter at this event in the modern era. He has 40 points in 36 world championship games, which puts him one ahead of his team's GM.

Linemate Rick Nash added two goals while Patrick Sharp, Martin St. Louis, Mike Green and Chris Kunitz also scored for Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Doc finally gets a win

BLUE JAYS 4 WHITE SOX 3

There was no complete game for Roy Halladay this time. Instead, there was a win, a well-deserved reward for the Blue Jays' ace after he went the distance in his four previous outings, losing the last three.

Yesterday afternoon, Halladay lasted 7 1/3 innings in a 4-3 Jays victory over the Chicago White Sox. He allowed just three runs, one earned, and struck out seven to help his team win four straight games for the first time this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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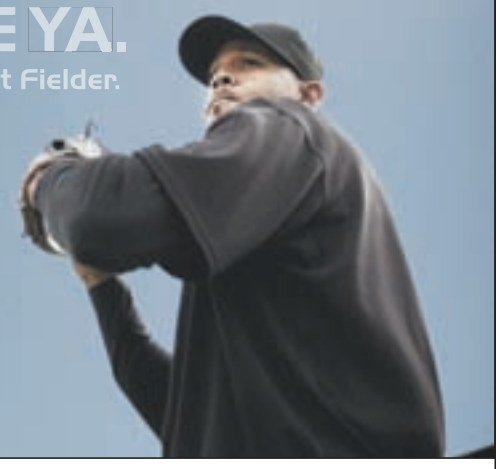

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» **GOLF** Paula Creamer squandered a late lead but came out with a playoff victory yesterday in the SemGroup Championship in Oklahoma, beating Juli Inkster and ending Lorena Ochoa's four-tournament winning streak on the LPGA Tour.

» **GOLF** Anthony Kim, 22, became the youngest winner on the PGA Tour in six years yesterday by shooting a 3-under 69 to cruise to a five-shot win over Ben Curtis at the Wachovia Championship in Charlotte, N.C.

» **NFL** Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson was charged with failing a sobriety test while operating a 30-foot boat, then resisting arrest before being hit with pepper spray and dragged ashore by officers. Benson faces charges of boating while intoxicated and resisting arrest.

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Celtics finally ground Hawks

Kobe leads Lakers to win over Jazz

Pierce

Kevin Garnett took a behind-the-back pass from Paul Pierce, slammed in the dunk to make the lead 36 points and then slashed his hand across his throat to signal what the Atlanta Hawks already knew.

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The game. The series. The surprising little scare Atlanta put into the NBA's best.

Pierce had 22 points while Garnett added 18 points and 11 rebounds as the Boston Celtics dispatched the pesky Hawks 99-65 victory in Game 7 of their playoff series yesterday to advance to the second round.

Next up: LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Lakers 109 Jazz 98 — Kobe Bryant — who is expected to officially be named NBA MVP tomorrow — had 38 points, six rebounds and seven assists yesterday, and the Los Angeles Lakers made it five straight playoff wins by beating Utah to begin the second round.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
MONTREAL VS. PHILADELPHIA
(Philadelphia wins series 4-1)
PITTSBURGH VS. N.Y. RANGERS
Game 5 — Yesterday
Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Rangers 2 (OT)
(Pittsburgh wins series 4-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
DETROIT VS. COLORADO
(Detroit wins series 4-0)
SAN JOSE VS. DALLAS
Game 6 — Last night
San Jose at Dallas
*Game 7 — Tomorrow
Dallas at San Jose, 10
(Dallas leads series 3-2)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. ATLANTA
Game 7 — Yesterday
Boston 99 Atlanta 65
(Boston wins series 4-3)
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Schedule TBA
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
Game 2 — Tonight
Orlando at Detroit, 7
Game 3 — Wednesday
Detroit at Orlando, 8
(Detroit leads series 1-0)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 1 — Yesterday
L.A. Lakers 109 Utah 98
Game 2 — Wednesday
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30
(L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 2 — Tonight
San Antonio at New Orleans, 9:30
Game 3 — Thursday
New Orleans at San Antonio, 9:30
(New Orleans leads series 1-0)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 8 Seattle 2
Kansas City 2 Cleveland 0
Toronto 4 Chicago W. Sox 3
Boston 7 Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 7 Detroit 6
L.A. Angels 6 Baltimore 5
Oakland 3 Texas 1
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Florida 10 San Diego 3
Washington 5 Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 14 Cincinnati 7
Philadelphia 6 San Francisco 5
Colorado 7 L.A. Dodgers 2
Houston 8 Milwaukee 6 (12 ings)
N.Y. Mets 5 Arizona 2
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston at Detroit, 7:05
Chicago W. Sox at Toronto, 7:07
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:10
Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05
Texas at Seattle, 10:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10
St. Louis at Colorado, 8:35
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9:40
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

AHL

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFF GAMES FEATURING THE MARLIES:
TORONTO VS. SYRACUSE
Game 2 — Yesterday
Syracuse 3 **TORONTO** 1
Game 3 — Tomorrow
TORONTO at Syracuse, 7
(Syracuse leads series 2-0)

LOTTERIES

Friday, May 2, 2008
Lotto Super 7 — 4, 11, 20, 25, 32, 40 & 43. Bonus 23.
Ontario Pick 3 — 1 7 5
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Encore — 6817138
Daily Keno — 1, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 29, 33, 34, 39, 45, 51, 52, 53, 67, 68, 69.
Saturday, May 3, 2008
Lotto 6/49 — 3, 6, 15, 27, 40 & 44. Bonus 41.
Ontario 49 — 8, 12, 14, 20, 25 & 39. Bonus 7.
Lottario — 1, 7, 8, 10, 11 & 25. Bonus 41.
Early bird — 32, 34, 43 & 44.
Ontario Pick 3 — 6 0 7
Ontario Pick 4 — 5 8 1 9
Encore — 7199352
Daily Keno — 1, 3, 4, 7, 14, 16, 18, 23, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 47, 54, 64, 66, 70.
Sunday, May 4, 2008
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METRO NEWS SERVICES

Push for more efficient mowers

A couple weeks ago we wrote an article on gardening, recommending some "native" plants that would add beauty and diversity to your garden while attracting interesting pollinators, like butterflies and hummingbirds. We were rightly lambasted by many readers, as some of the species we listed are not native. We acknowledge that mistake and apologize to our readers.

So we are a bit sheepish as we take another venture into the backyard, this time to talk about lawn mowers.

According to sources, including Environment Canada, The Ontario Ministry of Environment, and the David Suzuki Foundation, lawn mowers with conventional two-stroke engines emit as much pollution in one hour of operation as a typical passenger car travelling 550 to 600 kilometres. Now we are not talking about CO_2 emissions. Clearly driving this distance in a car uses much more fuel and will, in turn, emit much more CO_2 to the atmosphere. However, that two-stroke engine will be spewing more carbon monoxide, particulate matter, hydrocarbons, and NOx into the atmosphere than a car's engine running for the same period of time. This is because the two-stroke burns oil and gas simultaneously, and does so very inefficiently. The pollutants from these engines contribute significantly to urban smog, hence the frequent advisories and bans on use on those hazy, smoggy summer days.

EARTH TONES
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So if they are so bad, why do we still use these two-stroke mowers? The engine, while inefficient, is lightweight and relatively cheap to manufacture. And, given the total quantity of gas burned, these mowers are still relatively cheap to run. Electric mowers have generally been seen as inconvenient (needing an extension cord), or too expensive and too heavy (those with battery packs).

However, if you are in the market for a lawn mower, this may be the time to consider more efficient options. Many of the larger and heavier mowers (with battery packs or more efficient four-stroke engines) now come in self-propelled models. Further, a quick survey of two of the major sellers of mowers in Canada (Rona and Home Depot) shows the gap narrowing in cost between gas mowers and electric mowers with battery packs.

«According to sources ... lawn mowers with conventional two-stroke engines emit as much pollution in one hour of operation as a typical passenger car travelling 550 to 600 kilometres.»

As electric mowers have become more popular, they have also become much more affordable. Some retailers even offer rebate programs when you recycle your old, inefficient mower, eliminating the price gap between buying a new electric and a new two-stroke gas mower. Home Depot, for example, just wound down its annual lawn mower recycling program run in collaboration with the Clean Air Foundation to get conventional two-stroke gas engines off the street (or the lawn).

Obviously, running an electric mower is not carbon neutral. However, energy generated in power plants is much more efficient than energy generated by all those two-stroke engines out there. And many retailers are now selling inexpensive solar panels that can be used to recharge (or partially recharge) the battery packs.

On a final note, the tranquility you preserve with an electric mower may allow you to better enjoy your garden. You may not scare off those butterflies and hummingbirds visiting your actual native flowering plants.

Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University, studying ecosystem ecology. Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, an environmental consulting company.

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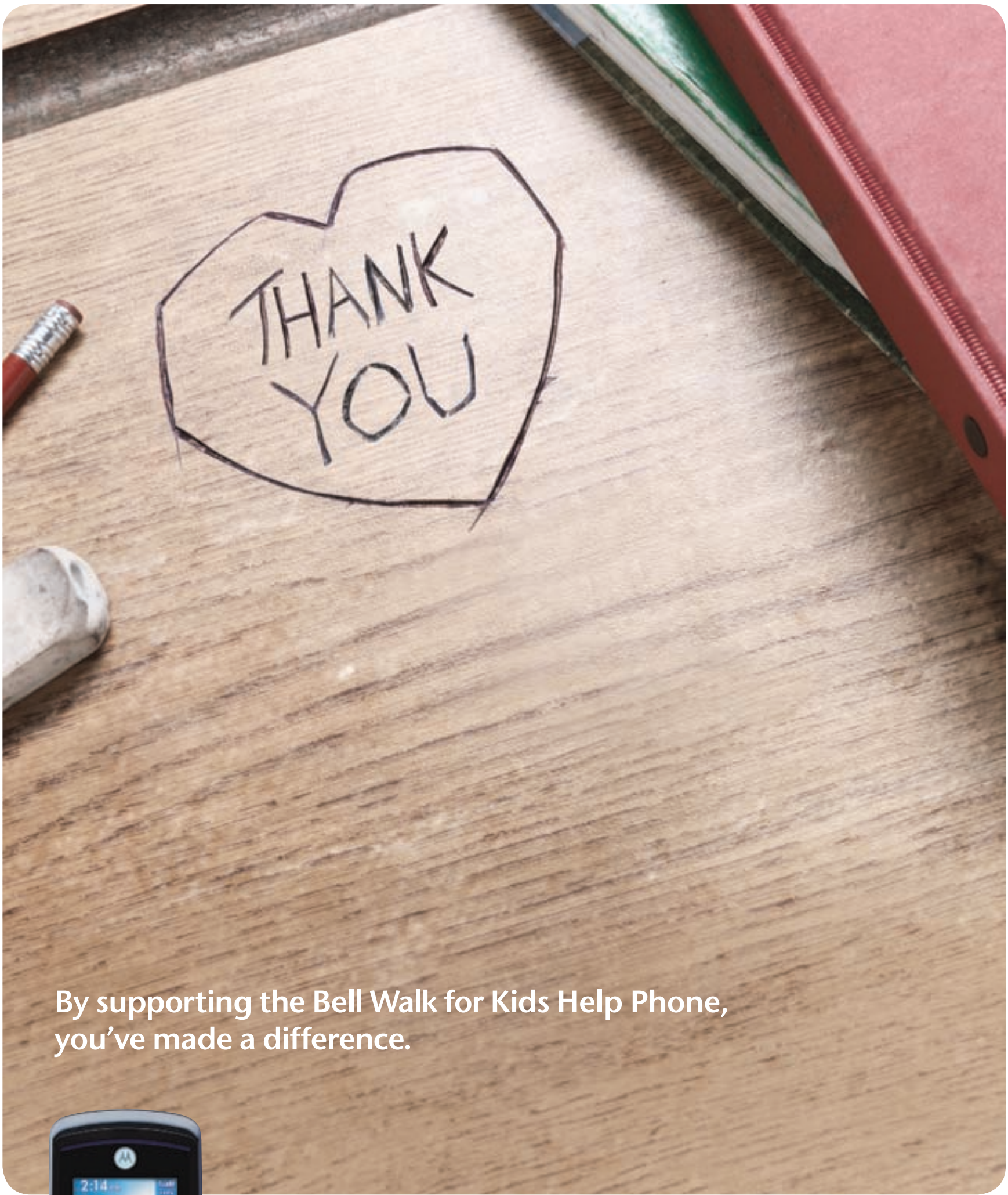

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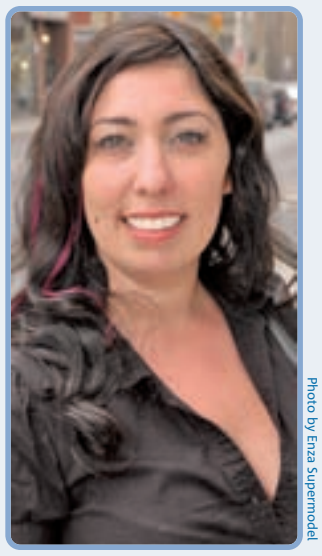

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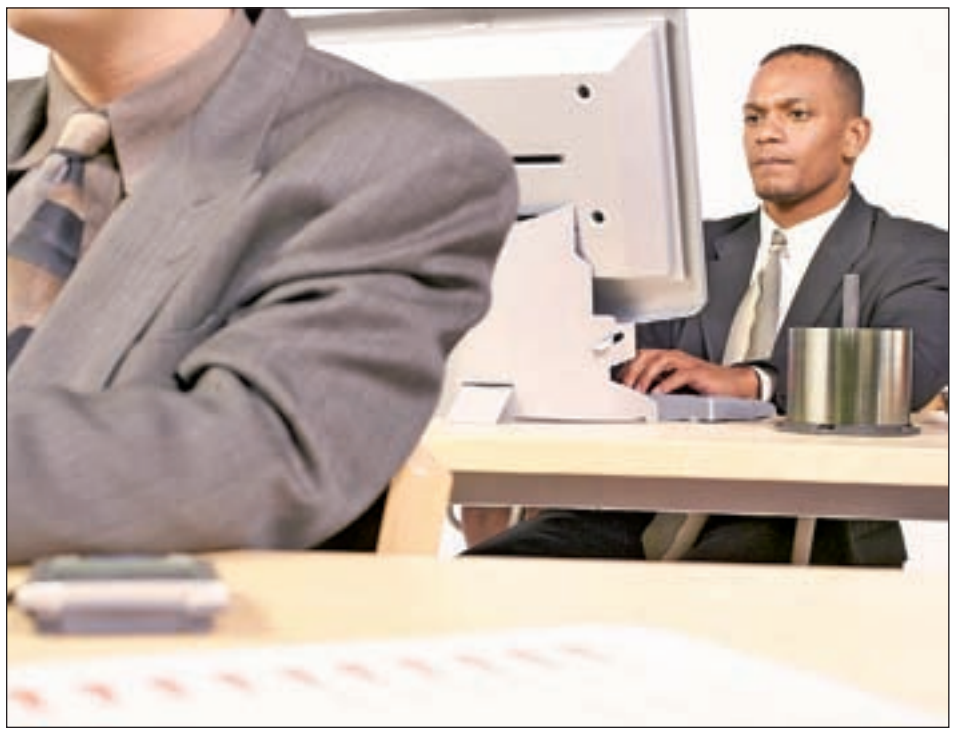
STACEY BURTCH has been a colour technician for 13 years. But advice from her working peers convinced her to team up with a fellow hairstylist and open her own business, Lift Salon. She's proud of the fact her salon's mentoring program gives styling associates the opportunity to better their craft. Live theatre is what has her out at night.

E-mail senders beware

Don't be surprised if your boss reads your messages

By **BRIAN COULTON**
for Metro Toronto



Because you use your company's computer and your company's Internet service when you e-mail at your job, it is outside your rights as a worker to send improper e-mails.

For followers of NBC's The Office, revelling in the oh-so-true parallels between their own workplace and that commanded by Steve Carrell's Michael Scott character begs humour because of the mockumentary-style exaggeration on everyday events.

But for those who guffawed at one episode's representation of the boss gaining access to employee e-mail better take a second look. Chances are, it's happening in your workplace, too. If you're not careful, forwarding that cheeky photograph of Hilary Clinton superimposed on a naked bust could mean your job is on the line.

Nearly one third of companies have disciplined employees for improperly using their e-mail while on the job. That number might not be as telling, however, as those produced in a recent survey by the American Management Association.

It found 75 per cent of employers track their subordinates' online activity while half go so far as to read workers' e-mails.

> « *You're using a company-provided computer and a company-paid-for Internet service. Technically, the company owns all that.* »
>
> *CEO and author Ruth Haag*

Ruth Haag has plenty of experience when it comes to how employees tend toward personal use of company time. She is the CEO of Haag Environmental Company and the author of a number of management related books including Hiring and Firing. According to her, the problem with e-mail and the Internet in the workplace is its informal nature.

"With e-mail, anybody can send one out so a lot of businesses don't have any consistency requirements and they end up being incredibly casual," she says. E-mail is distanced from the days of the business letter or telephone call, says Haag, which both had specific company-dictated formatting to ensure a professional appearance for the company.

Haag explains improper use of e-mail is outside of a worker's rights because of who owns the medium they're working on. "You're using a company-provided computer and a company-paid-for Internet service. Technically, the company owns all that."

She also notes it more often than not violates a company's e-mail policy, which she says employees are just beginning to become aware of.

While employers may have the right to monitor employees, however, Haag says that should not hinder workers from taking time out for themselves while on the clock. "I do personal work on my company computer. We allow that. I find that makes people more efficient because they get that little bit of personal stuff done and then they're getting back to work."

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Model helps wannabes

WHO'S HOT
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Strike a pose. Sashay. To the left; and now to the right. Sounds easy, right? Not really.

The photo shoot or catwalk can be intimidating new ground for an aspiring model. Heck, even experienced ones are likely to benefit from a professional tip or two. However, not every model may want to partake in pricey and time-consuming modelling workshops.

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The brainchild behind ModelCoach is Mangal, a Toronto model of Guyanese decent, whose portfolio stretches from Canada to Paris to Italy with clients like MAC Cosmetics, L'Oreal Paris and Gianfranco Ferré filling its pages.

"I saw a TV segment of a model in a photo shoot and as I watched her I noticed that I was copying the way she was moving in front of the camera, and that's how (ModelCoach) came about," says Mangal.

"We wanted to create the closest thing to a real shoot or runway lesson as possible," she explains. "You watch the model move, pose, express and walk as an expert teaches and demonstrates."

HASNAIN DATTU PHOTO

Name Mangal I
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With pros on board, Mangal assures ModelCoach is not one of those industry scam products you hear about. Sales have already clicked in from the United States and United Kingdom, she adds.

What's more, you learn by example in the comfort and privacy of your own home — or better yet, take your laptop with you when you hit the road and strike a pose when the mood strikes.

And what does Mangal have to say about America's and Canada's Next Top Model or America's Most Smartest Model?

"I think these shows have good intentions behind them, but they're definitely (geared) more towards entertainment then on educating the model."

Mangal will be one of the judges casting models for next month's Toronto Week of Style. Hmm, ModelCoach might be a timely investment, wouldn't you say?

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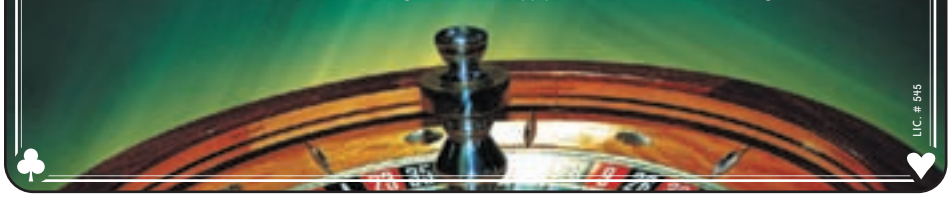
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Late meetings lead to lingering doubts

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Jill's tip of the week

» When you receive a group e-mail, unless it's necessary to "reply all" be sure when responding to respond only to the sender. It's a small thing but in the world of e-mail etiquette it can save your fellow colleagues from tens of unnecessary messages. Better yet, BCC group messages to preserve anonymity of personal addresses.

Q Jill, I think my husband is having an affair.

About six months ago a new woman joined his team at work. Since then they've been inseparable: Constantly working on projects together, having late nights and even attending conferences together.

I'm not trying to be a nag but I just have a gut feeling that something is going on. We barely have time for one another yet as soon as his BlackBerry goes off he jumps and I just know it's her.

What should I do? I've even been wondering if some of these conferences have been covers. I've got a good feeling to call his workplace and do some snooping around. What do you think? Thanks so much for your help, Jill.

– SUSPICIOUS WIFE DOWNTOWN

A While I can totally understand your frustration, I would definitely advise against playing detective at his workplace. Should your suspicions be misplaced, the last thing you want to do is bring both of your personal lives into the workplace. That's like giving "gossip" the keys to your front door!

I've always been one to go with my gut instinct (especially a persistent one). Sometimes it leads you in the wrong direction but completely ignoring it (especially if it's bringing along its friend "solid evidence" with it!) can bring you a lifetime of what ifs, if onlys and I should haves.

Your suspicions could very easily be true. However, your first and best step is to address these with him directly. Give him the benefit of the doubt by hearing his story. Express sincerely and candidly the reasoning behind your beliefs and ask him how he might interpret things if he were in your position.

Now be prepared for any reaction. Regardless of whether or not he is cheating he will likely be upset and in disbelief that you'd even bring this to him. Theatrics aside however, what you'll be really looking for is his plan of action following your talk. Do things change or do they stay the same? Are you made out to be the delusional wife, or is there some empathy and responsibility expressed on his part?

It sounds like there have been issues between you two well before the new woman at work, but I do hope these starter suggestions of mine will help you or at least prompt you to discuss these with a licensed relationship/marriage counsellor. In any regard you know what you are worth and you shouldn't have to settle for anything less, regardless of the circumstances.

Best of luck to you both.

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Maggie Gyllenhaal, left, has replaced Toni Collette in director Sam Mendes' as-yet untitled relationship comedy.
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Cast ready to regroup

Box office success of Iron Man means sequels likely

By **RICK McGINNIS**
Metro Toronto

Last weekend, with the release of Iron Man just a few days away, the cast of the movie were hopeful that the opening weekend would do well enough that they'd get a chance to make a sequel to the film, which stars Robert Downey Jr. as the armaments maker who becomes his best ever weapon.

With a reported gross of more than $100 million US over the weekend, it looks like there will be another film, and another chance to see actors like Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard expand the supporting roles they played in the original.

When she signed on to do the film, Paltrow claims she was completely mystified by the anticipatory clauses in the contracts she signed. "At the time it just felt so foreign to me," she said at a press even in New York. "Like, what do you mean you sign up for three before you've done one? I don't understand. But now I'm so happy that I did because it was such a good job that I would be happy just to keep going and keep working with those guys."

Howard even got a line in the film that hinted at his own transformation into Iron Man, or rather a tricked-out version of the superhero named War Machine, which is presumed to be a major part of the plot of a second film. "Yeah," Howard says, smiling at the memory of the line. "Robin might get to ride in the Batmobile one day. No, I'm pretty sure we're gonna go there. The response to even that one little statement, the roar in the audience — I didn't know that War Machine was so beloved or anticipated."

Gwyneth Paltrow stars as Pepper Potts in Iron Man.

Paltrow says that roles like Pepper Potts, right-hand girl and love interest for Downey's Tony Stark, are exactly the sorts of things she was looking for after taking time off to have a family. "I thought, if when my son is about a year old, and there's something that seems like it'll be fun and inspiring and not too demanding — I was very nervous about going back to work — and then Jon (Favreau, Iron Man director) called and he explained what the movie was going to be about at face value and what the other metaphors in the movie were, and he explained my character and said 'She's gonna be great and you're gonna have fun, it's gonna be good scenes.' And I said, 'I'll do it,' and I'm so happy that I did because I had such a good time. Those guys are brilliant — I grew up always wanting to work with Robert and Jeff Bridges — I mean, he's the Big Lebowski! He's a god, an acting god!"

For his part, Howard says he's looking forward to his 12-year-old son seeing him become War Machine in the next film. "Yeah, I hope so. I hope he'll get to see his father do some crazy, crazy stuff. If we do get to do that, I'll have them make him his own little suit he can play with in the neighbourhood."

Iron Man tops weekend box office

weekend box office

» Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Media By Numbers LLC:
» **1. Iron Man, $100.7 million US**
» 2. Made Of Honor, $15.5 million
» 3. Baby Mama, $10.3 million
» 4. Forgetting Sarah Marshall, $6.1 million
» 5. Harold And Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay, $6 million
» 6. The Forbidden Kingdom, $4.2 million
» 7. Nim's Island, $2.8 million
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COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

it's one of our favourite "days gone by" interior looks. So that's the traditional version taken care of, but come on — surely by now you expect the unexpected from your comedy uncles Colin and Justin? Here goes ...

Enter Baroque AND ROLL! Altogether zanier — and certainly more colourful — it's a frenzied and in-your-face modern interpretation of classic European styling which has, in our hands, been given a serious "punk rock" kick up the backside.

So how do you get the look? Think DRAMA! On this week's Home Show we tackle a dining room and, as a crazy starting point, paint the walls striking magenta and then slide back into classic detailing by adding lay on timber panelling stained purest black. And our source point? Home Depot! Remember our motto: "It's not how much you spend but where you spend it that counts."

To push contrast even further we added black and white acrylic pop-tastic Philippe Starck Louis Ghost chairs (they're modelled on the classic "balloon" back Louis XV style) and we scattered vivid pink sheepskin rugs on the floor. Fabulous!

Here's how to get even further into Baroque And Roll character:

» Use loads of candles set in cranberry tea glasses to set a flickering ambient mood.

» Hang jet glass chandeliers to promote a seriously hedonistic atmosphere.

» Hang dramatic damask wallpaper (visit *www.grahambrown.com* for STUNNING inspiration) but don't think elegant restraint. Think punk rock!

Gorgeous feisty velvets and rich tactile silks will help hit the mark.

» Mix plastics and gold-painted wood to help pull your scheme together.

To further tool up on Baroque And Roll inspiration, analyze the overly adorned furniture shapes that typify the period and then seek out "inspired by" items which have been given a funky twist. Play leather against concrete. Or try positioning tons of cut-glass table wares on berry coloured velvet cloths. Once you get into the swing of things, there will be no stopping you!

HGTV hosts Colin and Justin continue their mission of beautification with their Canadian design series Colin & Justin's Home Show, airing Tuesday at 11 p.m., and Saturday at 4 p.m. ET on HGTV (www.hgtv.ca).

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» The key to the Baroque And Roll look is decorating CONTRAST. Play confident shades of red, green or rich blue against deepest ebony to create astonishingly high-impact results.

Musicians honour Healey

International music stars from the world of rock, blues and jazz celebrated the life of Jeff Healey in Toronto over the weekend with the songs he loved best.

Rocker Randy Bachman, guitarist David Wilcox, bluesman Colin James and singer Alannah Myles were among the artists who took the stage Saturday night in a tribute to Healey, which featured classic hits from the performers and video footage of the blind guitar hero in action.

The concert also featured former Cream vocalist and bass player Jack Bruce and Deep Purple's Ian Gillan, both of whom played with Healey in his storied career.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS: It's hardly front page news, but Broadcasting & Cable magazine carried a story last week on a ruling by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission that the TV spinoff of the popular gossip site TMZ.com qualifies as a news program, and is exempt from the Equal Opportunities Clause that obliges a show or network to offer equal time to a political candidate if their opponent is given air time.

Twenty years ago, Entertainment Tonight was the beneficiary of a similar ruling, and Telepictures, the producers of TMZ's syndicated show, were eager to obtain this exemption. "Based on the record before us," read the FCC ruling, "we conclude that TMZ does qualify as a bona fide newscast because it reports news of some area of current events in a manner similar to more traditional newscasts. In addition, we have no evidence before us of bad faith or unreasonableness on the part of Telepictures."

What's really interesting about this is that it underlines how much politicians have come to inhabit the same cultural plateau as more typical celebrities, like rock musicians and movie stars, so much so that their foibles and misdeeds have become as much the fodder for a gossip show as the latest pantsless appearance by a coked-out ingénue. It should come as no surprise to anyone who's been following the Democratic primaries, which have been marked by a relentless bitch factor and shamelessly partisan critical rhetoric that reminds one more of the lobbying for Oscar nominations and statues than anything like the affairs of state.

The Equal Opportunity Clause is a rare statute of the U.S. cultural bureaucracy that seems almost Canadian in its nannyish intentions, but it's feared enough that, while he was in the running for the Republican nomination, it forced networks to consider pulling reruns of Law & Order that featured regular cast member Senator Fred Thompson, for fear that NBC would be forced to order episodes starring Ron Paul as a judge, or Mike Huckabee as Connie Rubirosa's new boyfriend.

PAULA FOREVER: "Why would we get rid of Paula?" asked American Idol executive producer Cecile Frot-Coutaz last week, after Idol judge Paula Abdul speculated about the musical performance of an Idol contestant that hadn't aired yet, and kicked off a storm of speculation about what the show is hiding from viewers and, while we're at it, just what Paula's on.

"I love that everyone was talking about it," Frot-Coutaz told an Associated Press reporter two days after the show aired. "You'd think there was no other news on television." And so Abdul has raised the bar on her own ratings-grabbing goof-ups on the show, and will likely have to deliver future verdicts by interpretive dance, or emerge from a commercial break wearing Ryan Seacrest's skin.

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	300	601	301	M1	Stargate Atlantis		In Treatment		Dexter		This Am. Life	Penn & Teller	Tracey Ullman
	305	612	306	PIX	(7:15) Dead Silence ★★ (1997, Suspense)				Full Metal Jacket ★★★ (1987, War) Matthew Modine.				Rude

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Bones
Nothing says "job stress" like having your co-workers try to send your dad to death row. Brennan's (Emily Deschanel) father, Max (Ryan O'Neal), is on trial for murder, and all her colleagues at the Jeffersonian are testifying for the prosecution. She's on the other side, advising counsel on the forensics of the case and looking for some way to clear her father's name. David Boreanaz also stars in the new episode "The Verdict in the Story." 8 PM on GTV, FOX

Canada's Worst Handyman
Oh, yes, they still stink at renovating and fixing things — and not all of them know it. This time around, those in contention for the "honored" title of Worst Handyman are bodybuilder Joe, crafts-obsessed Charmaine, recycle-happy Tex, master of incompletion Desmond and clueless Casey. Andrew Younghusband returns as host, with new expert additions of interior designer Jo Alcorn and contractor Geoff Woodmansey. 10 PM on DIS

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TV theme songs, Part 1:

1. Andy Griffith Show
2. Dr. Who
3. Addams Family
4. Dragnet
5. The Odd Couple

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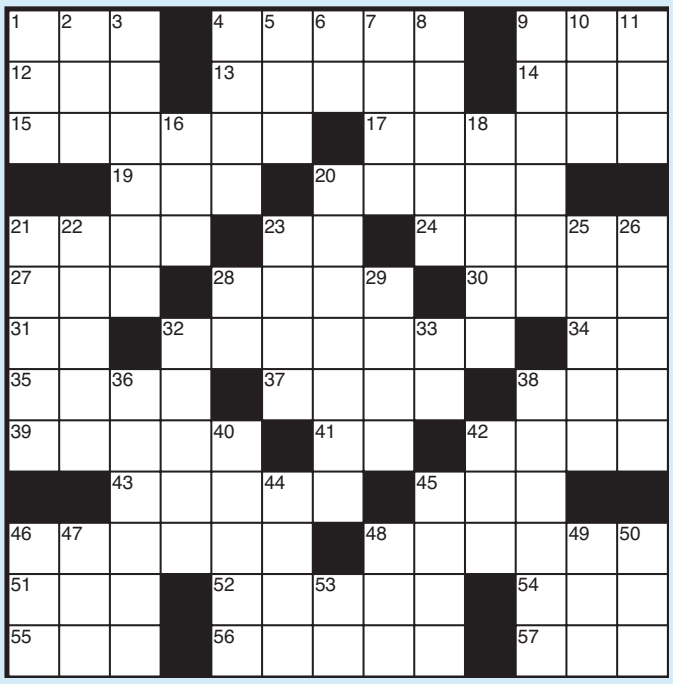

down »

1 Vegas lead-in
2 Catch cold
3 Multitudes
4 Dump, so to speak
5 No matter which
6 West Coast st.
7 Begrudge
8 Really nice people
9 Intensify
10 Museum contents
11 Coll. degrees
16 Minuscule
18 Fortunate
20 Seedless raisin
21 Grove
22 Making do
23 Carnivore's diet
25 Where Katmandu is
26 Rips open
28 Printer's measure
29 Coll. student
32 Player's rep
33 "Love — Do"
36 Marbles
38 Willow bloom
40 Sour pickles
42 Delt neighbor
44 Bump into
45 Some square dancers
46 Boastful knight
47 Hot time in Paris
48 Elbow
49 Top-notch pilot
50 Drain cleaner
53 Okefenokee loc.

across »

1 Shellac resin
4 Chewed the fat
9 Pat on
12 Gas-station freebie
13 Senseless
14 Diamond stat
15 Painstakingly
17 Hotel employees
19 Waterlogged
20 Pancake topper
21 Grant territory
23 Frat letter
24 Trail, to hunting dogs
27 Signs off on
28 Electric swimmers
30 Type of sock
31 Geometry term
32 Premed class
34 Squawkbox, briefly
35 Pantyhose woe
37 Make a video
38 Beetle, e.g.
39 — on (incited)
41 Granite St.
42 Close friends
43 Jung's inner self
45 Figure out
46 Soup pot
48 Jungle scavenger
51 Raided the fridge
52 Not prohibited
54 Without warmth
55 Toady's answer
56 Wild guesses
57 Before marriage

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
You'll be asked to interpret someone's body language. Go for a long walk after dinner. A brief bit of melancholy gives way to delight.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Don't lose your chance to take action. Meet with a friend to discuss relationship issues. Someone will fail to show up.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
You'll beam with delight over a new game plan. Good luck comes when you're working. A mysterious problem will cause dismay.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A man's values are being questioned. Wanderlust has sent someone travelling. A friend presents a date for mating purposes.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A mischief maker is back on the scene. Misreading someone's action can lead to hostility. You'll smile in the face of certain disaster.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
You need a break from work pressure. Hidden matters will be made public. News will come about a change in residence.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
An annoying worker won't get the job done. A karmic benefit is found in the dark of night. A furtive loser will try to get away with a lie.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Repairs will take more time than you expected. Stay up-to-date with a sympathetic friend. Fine feelings will detonate a moody man.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Create a new scenario for a relationship. Social plans will be changed against your will. Someone will give full support for a weird plan.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Try not to be too vague when giving advice. A fantastic situation will open your eyes. Someone special will say hello.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Get out and just explore the scenery. Irrational arguments will halt proceedings. The need for rest will be stronger tonight.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You'll give a talk on a subject close to your heart. A thrilling person will enter your life.

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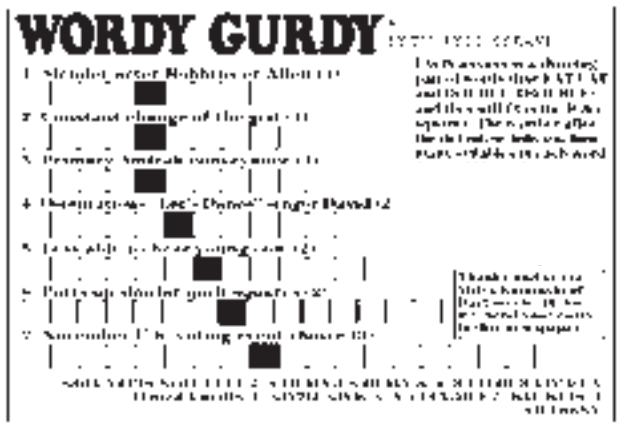

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

May 5, 1809: Mary Kies becomes the first woman awarded a U.S. patent for a technique of weaving straw with silk and thread.

May 5, 1891: The Music Hall in New York (now known as Carnegie Hall) has its grand opening and first public performance, with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky as the guest conductor.

May 5, 1916: American marines invade the Dominican Republic.

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Temperature Normals
High: 17.3°
Low: 5.2°

Records
High: 30.6°/1949
Low: -3.9°/1968

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Sunset: 8:26 p.m.
Moonrise: 5:39 a.m.
Moonset: 9:17 p.m.

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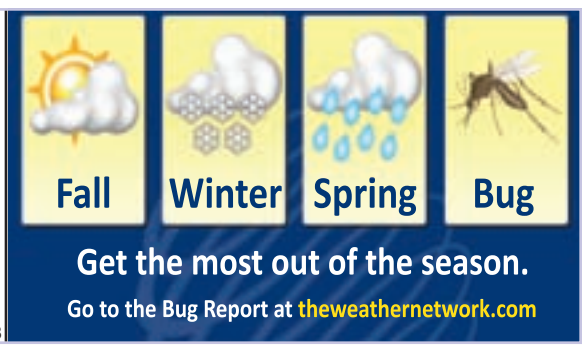

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Mariah's shock marriage

Mariah Carey wed actor/rapper Nick Cannon at her home in the Bahamas, according to the latest reports swirling around the couple's shock marriage last week.

Carey and Cannon allegedly staged a spontaneous marriage ceremony after dating for just a month, imdb.com reports.

New York gossip columnist Paula Froelich, who broke the wedding story, claims Carey refused to sign a prenuptial agreement before marrying for a second time. She adds that so few people were at the ceremony that "you could probably count them on two hands."

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Wife says allegations are a new low

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Rob Lowe's wife Sheryl has blasted the family's former nanny who has charged her with sexual harassment, calling the action "deeply offensive."

Laura Boyce, who worked for the Lowe family last year, has accused Lowe of creating an "extremely sexually offensive and hostile work environment," claiming her former boss quizzed her about the size of her boyfriend's penis and regularly paraded around the family home naked.

However in a fiery rebuttal statement, Sheryl Lowe said, "As a mother of two young boys, it is sickening and disgusting that Ms. Boyce would stoop so low as to drag a child into this latest, baseless, predatory lawsuit.

"The charges against me are lies meant to embarrass and humiliate. I find it deeply offensive the false allegation that I would use racially insensitive comments."

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Barbara dishes her juicy secret

Barbara Walters has confessed that she engaged in a lengthy affair with a married senator in the 1970s. In an interview with Oprah Winfrey which will air this week, Walters revealed she romanced Republican Edward Brooke – the first African-American to be popularly elected to the Senate – while working in Washington.

The journalist and The View creator confessed she was "infatuated" by the Massachusetts politician, adding, "He was exciting. He was brilliant. It was exciting times in Washington."

But she refused to go public with the affair, insisting, "Had this come out, it would have ruined my career and his."

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No beer for Matthew

A few months back, Matthew McConaughey was considering naming his unborn child after a beer. Now, he's given up brewskies all together. According to Star Magazine, the dad-to-be is so determined to show pregnant fiancée Camila Alves that he's ready for fatherhood, he's given up beer. "It was a huge sacrifice, but Matt says his relationship is all about teamwork," says a pal.

While the model didn't ask him to stop drinking, she was "frustrated that she had to go on the wagon while Matthew continued to party." It's quite a change for the former party boy who once bragged to Conan O'Brien that his older brother, Michael "Rooster" McConaughey, had named his second son Miller Lyte in honor of his favourite drink. Matthew loved his nephew's name so much, he often said he'll also name his son after a beer, but the "old-fashioned" Camila wouldn't hear of it. McConaughey and Alves' little one is due in June.

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Lindsay gets Ugly

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Lindsay Lohan began shooting her spot on Ugly Betty Saturday, her rep tells usmagazine.com. She was so excited to shoot, a source says, that "Lindsay arrived on set 45 minutes early." Adds the source, "Lindsay and America (Ferrera) really hit it off."

Variety reports she'll play a down-on-her-luck old high school pal of Betty. Lohan's acting career has been on a rollercoaster of late. Recent films I Know Who Killed Me and Georgia Rule flopped, and she attracted further controversy this spring first by re-creating a Marilyn Monroe photo shoot for New York magazine and, more recently, being photographed sleeping in a car apparently after a long night out. Lohan's first episode airs on the May 22 season finale. According to Us, the actress will appear in multiple episodes of the ABC hit.

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Miley skips Disney party

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Miley Cyrus pulled out of what was to be her first public appearance since news of her controversial Vanity Fair photo spread surfaced, imdb.com reports. The actress/singer was billed to appear at a Disney party in Orlando on Friday, but later backed out. The 15-year-old Hannah Montana star hit the headlines last week, when a provocative bare-backed photo from the Annie Leibovitz Vanity Fair photo shoot appeared online. Leibovitz and the magazine's bosses have defended the pictures, saying the singer, her parents and her handlers approved of the images during the shoot. An "embarrassed" Cyrus has apologized to her fans.

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Tommy still Pamela's boy

KEVIN WINTER/ GETTY IMAGES

Pamela Anderson revealed the greatest love of her life is none other than ex-hubby Tommy Lee. In a chat with CNN's Larry King, the actress said: "I love Tommy. He's the father of my children and we're good friends – very good friends. It's probably part of my problem. We are like a family, a dysfunctional family." She and Lee have two sons together, and split up in 1998. Anderson also discussed her love life and relationships, saying: "I don't have time – my kids take up my time and men take up too much time."

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Abdul denies she was drunk

American Idol judge Paula Abdul has fiercely denied she was drunk when she made an embarrassing blunder on the hit reality TV show last Tuesday.

The singer was blasted by American gossip website tmz.com, which accused the singer of being under the influence of alcohol when she was caught out by a change to the judging format of the show. When asked to appraise first performer Jason Castro, Abdul gave her opinions on two performances – even though each singer had only sung once. The website had claimed she was "bubbly" after "at least one martini" at a lunch at Maggiano's restaurant in Los Angeles four hours before the show began.

But Abdul brands the claims "absolutely not true" saying, "It got very confusing. The producers come up to us in the dark and said, 'We are not going to have you guys judge after each performer, we are going to have all the performers go once, then twice and at the end critique them.'"

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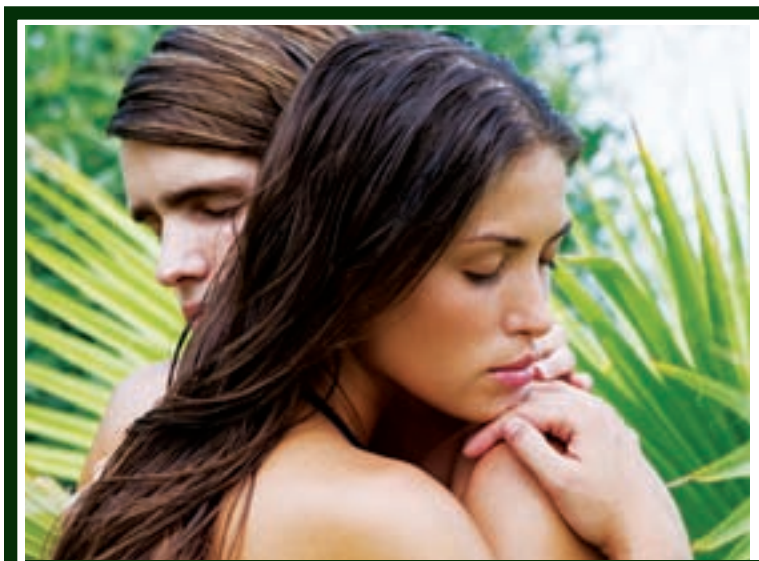

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YOUNG, ANIMATOR IN TRAINING

The producers of animated films and video games rely on sophisticated special-effects technology, but they also need artists who can draw.

Seneca is producing plenty of them, including aspiring animator Morgan Young. In his second-year of the Animation Arts program, Morgan is developing a series of designs from assigned story scenarios as part of his Character Construction course. This exercise trains students in the use of traditional animation and concepts before moving on to using the latest in computer-assisted technology.

The Animation Arts program at Seneca is designed to give students the skills necessary for success in both the traditional and computer animation production industry. The program emphasizes the artistic application of the theories of motion, timing, storytelling, entertainment and the use of the most current technology required to function successfully in the competitive world of 2D and 3D animation.

Seneca College's Animation Arts centre offers an entire suite of industry leading courses in animation, including its 3D Gaming graduate certificate program. This two-semester course is aimed at those graduating from fine art, 2D/3D animation, photography, film/video, architecture, sculptors and graphic design programs. Students are introduced to the concepts of 3D computer-based modeling and animation, utilizing the latest in high-end computer workstations. Emphasis is placed on learning the tools to develop amazing game art and incorporating that art into a finished game using 3Ds Max and other game mod tools.

For more information on Seneca's Animation Arts Centre visit: http://www.senecac.on.ca/cms/school/animationartscentre.jsp

HIGHLY ACCELERATED CAREER TRAINING

Since January 2005, Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology (ECET) students have been learning how to shake and bake; they're also freezing things.

They're doing all of this while using the Highly Accelerated Life Testing (HALT) chamber – a high-tech machine designed to rapidly age products using heat, cold and vibration.

"Seneca's ECET students are the first students in Canada to get their hands on this technology," says Mario Boetto, Chair of the School of Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology. The HALT chamber, which simulates product aging by subjecting products to a series of adverse temperature and vibration tests, is designed to see how much stress a new product can take until it breaks – invaluable information for creators of new products who need to know about vulnerabilities before going to market.

HALT chambers are in great demand by the aerospace, military, medical and commercial electronics industries. There are only two other post-secondary institutions in the world that have this technology – one in the United States and one in China.

"HALT testing is not prevalently known beyond industry," says Professor David Finlay, who teaches the HALT course at Seneca. "Students, right now, are not exposed to this type of training in educational institutions and we are the first ones to hit the ground running to offer it to them."

For more information about the HALT chamber visit: www.senecac.on.ca/electron

TWIN ENTREPRENEURS ENJOY DOUBLE THE SUCCESS

If two heads are better than one, so are two Seneca diplomas.

And that is the winning formula behind a fashion boutique called Boa. Started by twin sisters Daphne and Ofra Nissani, Boa has been rated one of the best places to shop by Toronto Life Magazine, thanks to its trendy clothes and original accessories including earrings, necklaces, handbags and belts.

"Starting our own business and working independently is something we've wanted to do since our days at Seneca," said Ofra. "Everything we have accomplished to date has really been a dream come true."

It was during their studies at Seneca that Ofra, a graduate of Business Marketing, and Daphne, a graduate of International Business, first started dreaming of launching a company that combined their love of fashion, business and marketing together. But it wasn't easy. The sisters struggled financially to get their project off the ground.

"When we opened our first store it was very tough," said Ofra. "As two young entrepreneurs, many banks wouldn't come near us."

Undeterred, the sisters took out personal lines of credit instead, and the rest, Daphne says, is "history." Ofra looks after all of Boa's marketing, accounting and human resources needs, while Daphne manages the majority of the store's clothing purchases.

"Because we are importing a lot of our fashions from the U.S., I'm using my knowledge in documentation and transport selection, while my sister is using all her marketing skills to promote our stores," said Daphne. "What we learned at Seneca has really helped us to succeed."

"It is just a matter of time before we open up another one," says Ofra. "Hopefully there will be many more to come."

For more information on Seneca's International Business program go to: http://www.senecac.on.ca/fulltime/IBU.html

For more information on Seneca's Business Marketing program go to: http://www.senecac.on.ca/fulltime/BMT.html

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